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[A]

A computer-implemented method for a user to annotate objects of a non-modifiable page of a document displayed on a display in a system, comprising the steps of:

receiving an indication from a user that an object in the displayed page of the document is to be annotated;

providing a window to the user wherein a portion of said window allows the user to enter an annotation be associated with the object and wherein a portion of said window allows the user to directly navigate to at least one of the previous and next annotations of an object of said document.

[A + 1]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A], said receiving step further comprising the steps of:

receiving a selection of the object;

receiving a selection of a menu item that provides said window, said portion of said window for receiving the annotation of the object.

[A + 2]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A], further comprising the step of:
maintaining the display of the non-modifiable page irrespective of the display of said at least one other annotation in said window.

[A + 3]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 2], further comprising the step of:

maintaining the display of the non-modifiable page irrespective of the display of said at least one other annotation in said window.

[A + 4]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 2], further comprising the step of:
 displaying another non-modifiable page in response to said display of said at least one other annotation in said window.

[A + 5]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 4], wherein said window overlies said another non-modifiable page.

[A + 6]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A], further comprising the step of:
 displaying an indication that a text annotation has been stored in conjunction with an object on said non-modifiable page.

[A + 7]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A], further comprising the steps of:
 receiving an annotation of the object;
 determining a position of the object in the document; and
 storing the position and the annotation of the object separately from the non-modifiable portion of the document.

[A + 8]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 7], wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a stylus.

[A + 9]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 7], wherein the designation of the object is received through interaction with a mouse.

[A + 10]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 7], wherein said determining step comprises the step of:

counting the bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the document to the annotated object.

[A + 11]

The computer-implemented method according to claim [A + 7], wherein said determining step comprises the steps of:

counting the number of bytes from the beginning of the non-modifiable portion of the document to a first object on the displayed page; and

adding the number obtained from said first counting step to the number obtained from said second counting step to determine the file position of the annotated object in said file.